WOMEN IN ANGRY DEBATE. JEFF DAVIS DISTURBS THE SOCIETY FOR POLITICAL STUDY.

The Southern Members Resent the Imputation That the Lender of the Confederacy Traiter, and a Sharp Discussion Beaues.

The Society for Political Study held a very Ill-humored meeting in the Tuxedo, Fiftyninth street and Madison avenue, resterday.

At the beginning Mrs. W. C. Brewater proposed that the speakers be limited to five minntes, that no speaker be allowed to speak more than ones until every member present had a chance, and that only one speaker be permitted to speak at a time. The motion didn't suit all the numbers, some of whom are chronic talkbut it was promptly seconded, and rushed through, Mrs. Phobe A. Hanaford was in the

Miss Anna Maxwell Jones, the speaker of the day, read an exhaustive paper on the political career of Jefferson Davis. She brought a big colered map slong and mixed up a good deal of geography with her politics. Miss Jones said she had taken a special course at Harvard last summer, and had then heard a professor declare that the causes of the civil war were abolition literature, the Territory question, and the great political issues involved. She said that she agreed with him, and held that it was not s question whether slavery was right or wrong but the extension of slavery, that had caused

Dr. Ellen E. Miles opened the general discussion, and almost from the outset the remarks from the various members were punctuated with muffled hisses and muttered words of ap proval or disapproval. Dr. Miles set the ball motion by amiably remarking that the speaker of the day had left her audience quite in love er of the day had set her audience quite in love with Jefferson Davis, but in thus concluding Ir. Miles reckoned without her host. "When we know that he lived forty years with one of theloveliestand most beautiful women, we know that he couldn't do anything but a delightful we "Abb added".

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"Thave some impressions about the character of Jefferson Davis," said Miss Harriette Keyser. "There are people in this world, though they are few and far hetween, who are able to see ahead. Davis didn't belong to that class. He was not a man of swift or clear insight. He did belong to another class, which, I am thankful to sny is also small, who are never converted by the light of logical events. To this character. Most Southerners claim, that he was a patriot. Many others in other parts of the country believe, that he was a traitor. I will not pass judgment, but I will ask if we would be willing to give his character to our school children as an example. That is a test of patriotism."

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"The paper on Jefferson Davis," said Miss inserted Phillips, "was a most interesting one, intil seems to me that not much was said about me man. I only know him, as thousands of athers do, as the lead of the rebellion against this Government, and I must confess I felt disappointed not to learn more about him. Somebody said to me she hoped when we came to discuss him in the club that the subject of slavery wouldn't be brought up. He was for slavery wouldn't be brought up. He was for slavery, and I don't see why we can't discuss slavery. Davis was an educated man, a man a man a starry. Jefferson Davis a traitor!" asked Mrs.

All Rourgoin. "He obeyed his State and he ught his first duty was to his State. I am a Southerner, as many of you seem to think, father was a Northern soldier, but I don't kt that Davis was a traitor. I am one man who can look on both sides of a question.

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"We have 'all' beard the 'papers," remarked Mrs. Brewster, the Southerner who stirred up such a tempest at a recent meeting of the society when John C. Calhoun's career came up for discussion. "In that paper Jefferson Davis stood before us as a great statesman, a brave soldier and a good and true man. The great mistake he made was in not taking into consideration final results. He was sectional in his belief and did not take a universal view of things; but who shall say what a traitor is or who is a traitor? Success decides these things. If we'd failed in our fight against the English, George Washington, whose birthday we are calebrating to-day with delight, would have been tried, condemned and executed as a traitor. It is said that any coward may fight a battle he is sure of winning, but it takes a truly brave man to flight for a cause that is lost, and such, I take it, was the courage of the here of the day."

There was faint hissing from the Northern sisters at this point and applance from the Southerners, but the shoe was on the other foot when the next speaker finished. Miss Riker, a lawyer, whom Mrs. Hanaford called "the Southerners, but the shoe was on the other foot when the next speaker finished. Miss Riker, a lawyer, whom Mrs. Hanaford called "the Southerners, but the shoe was on the other foot when the next speaker finished. Miss Riker, a lawyer, whom Mrs. Hanaford called "the southerners is not be pardoned. I think it showed how broad and generous the American people were to let them live and die in this country."

"That's going too far," cried several volces.

"If Jefferson Davis was a traitor, why was he not tried for treason!" demanded Mrs. Rutter, a Virginian, in a voice trembling with emotion. "Was it that the Government did not care to test the matter!"

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Mrs. Lillie Devereux Blake, ever of 'pacific disposition, hastened to pour oil on the troubled waters. "The war was the result of political antagonism." she began. "There was no antagonism between the rank and file of Northern and Southern people. We came up here in the summer and you went down there in the winter, and we treated each other with true-hearted hospitality. The war was brought on to gratify personal ambition of individuals, of political leaders. We have every*reason to believe that war botween the United States and Spain will be averted, because no such motives are at stake."

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Then Mrs. Blake told that Davis was Chairman of the committee appointed to select the design for the statue of Liberty which adorms the dome of the Capitol, and she made a pretty little story out of his choosing a woman to represent Liberty—and one without the Phrygian can, the sublem of a freed slave. "Davis sald," concluded the speaker, "that an American representation of Liberty must not wear a Phrygian can, because America was never a slave; she was been free. I am only sorry to say that whenever liberty comes to us women we will be entitled to wear the cap."

"Fve travelled through the South considerably," said Mrs. Morris, "and the opinion there is that the leaders of the South precipitated the war."

"She most have met only Yankees down there," remarked a Southern sister so that everybody around could hear.

"Ye must all agree," said Mrs. Hanaford, in her sweetest voice, "that it was politics and not such politics as the women of this society believe in, that brought on the war. We believe in instice and rightcounness. Such a war could not occurragain, and it would not have occurred then if the twomen had had their rightful share of knowledge and influence. Women are for peace."

IRISH SOCIETIES REUNITE.

Rishop McFaul Brings Together the A. O. H.

In accordance with the decision of Bishop McFaul of Trenton a convention was held in Newark yesterday of delegates from sixteen countles in New Jersey representing the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Board of Erin. Order of Hibernians and the Board of Erin. Fourteen years ago there was a split in the A.O. H., and these two sections were formed. Hisbop McFaul brought about the reunion yesterday after long arbitration. There will be a National Assembly in Trenton in June, and this Esthering was of a preparatory nature. Before the meeting yesterday a high mass was celebrated by Vicar-General O'Connor in St. Joseph's Church. From there the delegates went to St. Joseph's Hall. E. M. Waldron of Newark was elected State President and James H. Leynolds of Lambertville State Secretary.

THE '98 CELEBRATION,

Prospective Excursionists to Ireland Visit the Steamer Berlin.

About 500 Trish-Americans inspected, yester day, the steamer Berlin, which will be the flagship of the excursion fleet that goes to Ireland is July to take part in the celebration of the looth anniversary of the rebellion of 1798, Many picked out the staterooms they will occupy during the voyage. The steamer will leave New York out the Voyage. The steamer will leave New York on July 2, and will fly the Irish and Inherty, Grand Marshal Gen. James R. Offerne, Judge O'Gorman, and other officers of the 28 Centennial Association showed the Viller around the Berlin.

AUMORY CORNERSTONE LAID. The Pirst Regiment, N. G. S. N. J., to Have

Yen Home to Newart.

The cornerstone of the new \$200,000 armory for the First Regiment, New Jersey National nard, was baid restorday at Jay street and Superx archie. Newark, with appropriate ceremonic. The officers and members of the regiment were present in civilian a dress, and there was a large gathering of other citizens. The eddress was made by Chaplain Keilar, and then Cok E. A. damphell, commandant of the regiment benefit a siver frowel to Majorden, Philic who spread the mortar with it as the slope was lowered into place. In the evening the regimental officers and Gen. Plume were strained at dinease of Co. Lamphell.

TURBULENT TEXAS DEMOCRATS. only the Old Bryan Guard Allowed to Take

Part in Primaries. DALLAR, Tex., Feb. 22-The State Democratic Executive Committee to-day called the State Convention to be held at Galveston on Aug. 2. The State primaries were ordered to be held or July 9. The following test in voting was adopted after three hours of turbulent debate, by a vote of 18 to 11.

" 1. Are you a Democrat and will you vote fo the Democratic nominees at the ensuing elec-tion? 2. Did you vote for the opposition to

tion 1 2. Did you vote for the opposition to either the National Democratic ticket nominated at Chicago or the State Democratic ticket nominated at Fort Worth at the general election in November, 1898 i' An affirmative answer to the first question and negative answer to the second question is necessary to qualify the voter to participate in the Democratic primaries.

A pledge that the voter is a Democrat and obligates himself upon his honor to accept the Chicago platform and vote the Democratic ticket this year was advocated by Chairman Blake, but the committee snowed it under. The test adopted bars out former Republicans as well as the gold standard Democrats. It also bars out 100,000 Populiats who voted for the Bryan and Watson electoral ticket in Texas.

INDIANA POPULISTS MEET.

Wrangle All Day at the Convention-Middle-of-the-Ronders Abend.

Indianapolis, Feb. 22.-The Populist State Convention to-day was a constant wrangle from 10 A. M. to 6 P. M., and when the delegates met an hour later for the night session the strife was renewed with as much vigor as though the delegates had mot for the first time. The Middle-of-the-Road and the Fusion delegates were nearly evenly divided and the former won were nearly evenly divided and the former won their victories only by a scratch. Samuel Walker of Haucock county was chosen Chairman and the Middle of the Hoad men also elected the Secretaries, but when the vote was taken on three members of the National Committee Joshus strange of Grant county and William Austin of Floyd, Fusionists, and Alonzo Burkhart of Tipton, Middle-of-the-Road, were chosen.

The platform declares in favor of the abolition of all issue of money to banks; the issuance of money at 1 per cent. on United States farm mortgages; the reduction of interest to 6 per cent., and declares in opposition to government by injunction and to a policy of indifference toward Cuba. ward Cuba.

A minority of the committee reported a set of
resolutions differing in words, but similar in
mport, but the majority report was adopted.

PINGREE GIVES WARNING.

the Republican Party Must Switch Around to

LANSING, Mich., Feb. 22.-In his address of welcome at the Michigan Club banquet to-night Gov. Pingree cited his election as proof that the people of the State demand equal and impartial road tariffs and rates and all other forms of road tariffs and rates and all other forms of indirect taxation so as to meet changed values and conditions. He said there was a fearless opposition to trusts, pools, and all conspiracies against trade in violation of the Federal statutes. The failure of the Legiciature to enset any laws to enforce the demands was laid at the door of party leaders, and he informed the leaders that the best way to have party harmony was to get in touch with what the people so plainly demanded. He predicted that if this is not done the Republican party, both in State and nation, would go under.

INDIANA GOLD DEMOCRATS.

spirit at a Conference in Favor of Nominating

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 22 .- The meeting of the National Democratic State Committee was some hing of a disappointment to-day, owing to a confusion of dates which placed the meeting for he afternoon when the written notices desigthe afternoon when the written notices designated the evening, and but eleven appeared at the afternoon conference. Secretary McDonald read a number of telegrams and letters from Gold Democrats regretting inability to attend, but expressing fealty to the gold standard and advocating organization and the nomination of a State ticket.

Another meeting was held to-night at which the attendance was much larger, and in which the sentiment in favor of nominating candidates for Congress and State offices was very pronounced. The conference adjourned without taking definite action.

No Rum, No Raines Law, So Smoking.

The New York County Prohibitionists held a and a dinner at the Grand Central Palace. The Rev. C. H. Mead presided over the mass meeting, which attracted a large attendance. Speeches denouncing the liquor business, the Halnes law, and the use of tobacco were made by the Rev. Cortland Myers, the Rev. D. A. Blackburn and John G. Woolley.

The Cits' Central Committee of Twenty-five will hold its first meeting this evening at the union's headquarters, 42 East Twenty-third street. The leaders of the union intend to begin push the work as rapidly as is possible. At to-night's meeting the preliminary steps toward the formation of the district clubs will be taken.

A. A. McLeod in Croker's Club.

The members of the Democratic Club all semed pleased yesterday over the decision of the Governors to sell the old New York Athletic Club and keep the organization on Fifth avenue. There were eleven proposals for membership resterdsy, among the names posted being those of S. Montgomery Rossevelt and A. A. McLeod.

Wroming Democrats Cain.

WARSAW, N. Y., Feb. 22.-At the sixteen town elections held in Wyoming county to-day the Democrats gained five Supervisors. The new board will stand nine Republicans and seven Democrats. Against four of the nine Republi-cans elected the Democrats made no fight.

DIDN'T KEEP FAITH WITH HIM. A Tokio Court Says Six Japanese Must Pa: Mr. Bacon 600,000 Yen.

San Francisco, Feb. 22.-The Pacific mail steamship City of Peking arrived to-day from China and Japan, rounding out her one hundredth voyage across the Pacific, and she

brought an even 100 passengers.

In the Tokio District Court on Jan. 20 judgment was given in favor of Alexander Bacon of New York for 600,000 yen against Arai Saku and five other Japanese defendants for 60,000,000 yen in loan bonds. When he reached Tokio he was surprised to find he could not get the bonds. Hence his suit for one-tenth the amount of the bonds.

Concort of the Encised Quartet.

The Kneisel Quartet's concert which was given last evening in Mendelssohn Hall was by no means as successful or interesting as some of their entertainments have been. There were three numbers upon the programme, as follows: Schumann.....Quartet in A major, op. 41, No. 8 Naint-Saens.....Quartet for plano and strings Beethoven.....Quartet in C major, op. 59, No. 3 Perhaps the comparative lack of charm in the erformance lay as much in the fact that none of the pieces was of great beauty as that their rendering was deficient in merit. With the exception of the Besthoven quartet, which was quite as lovely as Beethoven is apt to be, there was nothing which represented its composer at his best. For certainly the Schumann does not contain much of the characteristic poetlo essence that draws all deep and tender natures to him-nor is Saint-Saens's quartet permested with that sweet odor of piquant imaginativeness which fascinates us in so much of his music of the kind to which "Danse Macabre" and "Le Rouet d'Omphale" and many other things belong. Rather was this quartet stiffly built up in rigid architectural lines, one bit after another being elaborately, even painfully, wrought out with effort quite perceptible. In this number at least another interpretation might have bettered matters, for the planist, Miss Mabel Phipps, failed to give that breadth and importance to her portion of the work which its nature requires.

The movement marked "maestoso" proved anything but majestic at her hands, and as the plano has distinctly the sway and leading throughout, in this couposition, the work was inevitably dwarfed by a narrow and somewhat puerile conception of it.

Miss Phipps is exact, but has a touch the reverse of unctuous or persuasive or even pleasing. She has no variety of tone color, and from this fact her playing becomes monotonous. She is indeed apparently so completely amsteurish that the question might arise in a not too inquiring mind why sheshold be brought forward as an assistant to a club of trained and mature musicians such as make up the Kneisel Quartet. tion of the Beethoven quartet, which was quite as lovely as Beethoven is apt to be, there was

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 22.-The Virginia Bankers' Association to-day unanimously indorsed the Indianapolis monetary plan. W. M. Hill of Richmond was elected President and H. A. Wil-liams of Elchmond Secretary and Treasures. POINTS OF THEATRIC VIEW. REPLY TO HELENA MODJESKA'S

CHARGE OF DETERIORATION. Business Methods, Notwithstanding the Contrary Assertion by the Great Actress.

The latest phases of minstrelsy, as developed and practiced by Primrose & West's company, is this week's entertainment at the Grand Opera House. The singers, dancers, and jokers are more white than black, and the comedians are quite as apt to be German, Irish, or Yankee as negro in their assumptions of character. This show makes old Eph Horn and his dead and gone comrades stare in astonishment, if they are where they can see it. The other bills at the week stands give Kate Clayton in "The Two Orphans" at the Star, Ward and Vokes in Governors" at the Columbus, and Anna Held with "A Gay Deceiver" and "The Cat and the Cherub" at the Harlem Opera House. The other changes are to "El Capitan" at the Fifth Avenue, "What Happened to Jones" at the Bijou, and "A Normandy Wedding" at the Herald Square. The Castle Square company is devoting a second week to "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Pinafore" at the American. The plays continued at the other central theatres are "The Conquerors" at the Empire, "The Tree of Knowledge" at the Lyceum, "A Virginia Courtship" at the Knickerbocker, "The Master" at the Garden, "On! Susannah!" at Hoyt's, "The Little Minister" at the Garrick, "Way Down East" at the Manhattan, "Sweet Inniscarra" at the Fourteenth Street, "One Summer's Day at Wallack's, and "The White Heather" at the Academy of Music. In the performances of these pieces are employed such approved exponents of American stagecraft as William H. concents of American stagecraft as William H. Crane, Maude Adams, John Drew, Henry Miller, De Wolf Hopper, and Chauncey Olcott, each at the head of his own company, and the two Frohman stock organizations. The actormanager, Heinrich Conried, is to be honored at the Irving Place to-morrow night on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his connection with the German drama here, by tokens of esteem. He will play in "Gringoire,"

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In the continuous programmes of our current vaudeville, legitimate players are conspicuous, but specialists who are tip-toppers are not a few. Minnie Seligman is at Proctor's Theatre, where A. O. Duncan and the Mortons do specialities. Cora Tanner plays twice each day at the Pleasure Palace, and here, too, are George Fuller Golden, Felix and Barry, and Morris's trained ponies. The Nobles and Isabelie Urquhart play farces at Kelth's, whose variety show leaders are Calcedo, Musical Dale, and John W. Ransone. Pastor's has Beatrice Moreland, John Kernell, and W. T. Carleton, the last named singing "On the Banks of the Wabash."

Destrable places in music hall bills fall to Charmion and Julie Mackey at Koster & Bial's; the Russell Brothers precede "The Way-High-Man" at Weter & Fields's and Beaste Clayton's specialty is incorporated in the buriesque. McAvoy and May and the Judges are at the Harlem Music Hall. The bill of specialties and burlettas at Sam T. Jack's is quite unlike anything to be found in either continuous shows or music halls.

A wax statue of Capt. Sigsbee of the battle-ship Maine is already on view at the Eden Musée, where a pictorial version of the "Passion Play" is an interesting exhibit.

Helena Modjeska was neither true nor politio

Helena Modjeska was neither true nor politic when, in her remarks at the matines of the Twelfth Night Club she deplored the indisputable fact that dramatic art has become a theatrical business. She said that the condition of the stage had been degraded by men who used it as a means of making money. That is not so. The plays of to-day are a better average of literature and are presented in a far better average of taste and skill than those of a quarter, a half, or a whole century ago. A reference to the chronicles of those periods will sustain this assertion. The proportion of worthy matter to that which is meretricious is much larger now than then, and this is due considerably to those men of probity and resources who have to a controlling extent taken the places of reckless and irresponsible operators in the management of theatres and companies. The business of the drama has become respectable through the practice of shrewdly equitable methods. The pay of authors and actors has been raised to remunerative figures. Fortunes are the rewards of great successes, and while some of these are won by pandering to a vicious taste, more are the result of satisfying the increasing demand for real excellence. Mme. Modjeska was impolitio in her demunciation because she herself provided a refutation, in a negative way, of her charge that there is a general deterioration in stage affairs. She is a great artist. Not one of the participants in the matines of the Twelfth Night Club ranked with her in professional fame. But they were a highly respectable assemblage of players, and all that they did was praiseworthy in points of expertness and tastefuiness. Most of them belonged to companies now before this public in good plays finely presented. On the other hand, this justly celebrated actress went back to the theatre where within a week she had enacted the figgrantly immoral heroines in such foul pieces as "Magda" and "Camille," and where, that same evening, she figured in a performance of "Measure for Measure" so weak in acting and so shabby in mounting that the reviewers, while considerate of her own genius. larger now than then, and this is due considerance of "Measure for Measure so wone ing and so shabby in mounting that the reing and so shabby in mounting that the reviewers, while considerate of her own genius, ing and so shabby in mounting that the reviewers, while considerate of her own genius, felt bound to regret the old-fashioned inadequacy of the production as a whole. In other words, Mme. Modjeska's dramatic art is controlled by a sordid effort to make it yield every possible dollar. Thus it is apparent that she denounced the very evils which she is guilty of and which are no longer common in the improved business practices at our theatres.

The publication of the receipts of the principal Paris theatres in The Sun, as quoted from official reports, has led to mistaken deductions as to the support of New York theatres. The Paris average at each house was \$500 per day the year round. One writer says that "a fair house at a New York theatre is \$500, though some managers have found profit in receipts veraging much less." That is scarcely true of the cheapest theatres, and is absurdly false of those of higher grade. What with liberal salaries, heavy rentals, and the large expenses

of those of higher grade. What with liberal salaries, heavy rentals, and the large expenses of producing and advertising, there is not a the atre in Broadway that would not lose disastrously on average receipts of \$500 a day. It requires twice that to yield a profit commensurate with the risks incurred.

Every theatre manager in New York has offered assistance to make the performance in aid of the Maine victims' families, next Sanday night at the Metropolitan Opera House, a notoworthy entertainment. Cabinet members Sherman and Long. Capt. Sigabe. Gen. Miles. Commander Bunce and many others have sent to the Morning Telegraph thanks and commendation of its charity.

It is a frequent complaint against theatrical managers that they do not put Shakespeare on sale more than they do. The reason is that the public will not buy him in a suffilient quantity to render the traffic profitable. There would be a supply if there were a demand. Fivo actors are now travelling at the heads of companies in Shakespearean plays. Not one of them is meeting with good recompense, though they are doing their best, by means of addresses to schools and other devices, to draw attention to their performances.

The kind of stage art that some folks prefer to encourage was indicated by a Fall River incident. A Congressman gave a support to a female ministrel company, and the account says that wine flowed freely.

John H. Stoddert and Louise Thorndyke Boucicault are among the latest recruits to vaudeville. Heatrice Cameron-Manafield's bad health comnels her retirement from the stage. Her place in her busband's company is to be taken by Carrie Keeler. Ida Conquest will go to Lonnon to thay for or of the pushand's company is to be taken by Carrie Keeler. Ida Conquest will go to Lonnon to thay any five declares positively that her project of a dangerous lilness. Sadie Martinot is too ill to act, and her rôle in "A Stranger in New York it spilages. Sadie Martinot is too ill to act, and her rôle in "A Stranger in New York it spilages. Sadie Martino

POET LE GALLIENNE CHEERED. The Screne Young Englishman's Long Hair Amuses a Music Hall Andience.

Charmion, who undresses in the air, Raffin's monkey, and Ajax, the flexible marvel, had to take a back soat at Koster & Bial's last night. Even "The Star-Spangled Banner." "Hail Columbia" and part of "Yankee Doodle" were subsidiary in comparison to the unexpected phenomena which suddenly became visible in phenomena which suddenly became visible in one of the stage boxes. A party entered and when it was seased the attestion of the audience was attracted to a young man with very long hair. The interest in the spectacle increased gradually and when it was seen that not one but two young men with very long hair were sitting in the box the amusement of the audience broke into uproxilous laughter. That was superseded by applause, which did not diminish when the younger man with the honger hair releanily arose and bowed to the audience. It was fitchard Le Gallienne.

Not ten persons in the theatre knew who the serious-looking young man was, but his hair was so long and he seemed so flattered at the speaking the serious looking so had becomed so flattered at the spontaneous acknowledgment of his presence that the sadence appreciated the joke and applauded and laughed even more enthusiastically. It subsided only when the band played some patriotic sire. COST SO CENTS, TAX 850.

Experience of a Chinese Merchant Who Imported Chinese Playing Cards,

High Hing Lung is a prominent merchant of Chinatown, and his store at 51 Mott street contains nearly everything that a Chinese resident might need. There is authority for stating that the Chinese are experts with playing eards of the American sort, but they like to use, among themselves, the real Chinese article. Merchant Lung a few months ago sent to China for a supply of genuine Chinese playing cards to replenish his stock. Playing cards, like many other things, are very cheap in China. The cards reached the Custom House marked "Chinese paper, value 80 cents." The duty on Chinese paper is 20 per cent, ad valorem, and Merchant Lung came to the Custom House ex-pecting to settle for 16 cents. He was astounded when the following bill was presented to him: To 400 packs of Chinese playing cards, value. . 8 80 Customs duty at 10 cents a pack 40 Internal revenue tax at 2 cents a pack Fee of one-half cent a pack for affixing revenue stamps

Anger succeeded astonishment. He gave in the choicest English at his command his opinion of the Custom House and its methods, and then went to his brokers, Rooney & Spence, and arranged with them that James V. Storey, representing their firm, should go to Washington to appeal the case to the chief Treasury Department authorities. In the meantime the Chinese cards remain in the possession of the customs officers, and unless Mr. Storey's plea is success ful, it is likely that Chinatown will use cards of the American sort only hereafter.

PRIZE DRILL OF BAPTIST BOYS. Brooklyn and Jersey Carry Off the Prizes-A

Hold-Up on City Hall Plaza The Bantist Boys' Brigade had its sixth annual reception and review yesterday afternoon in the new Ninth Regiment armory on Fourteenth street. Eight hundred and eighty boys went hrough regimental and company manœuvres before nearly 7,000 people. The boys were all members of Baptist Sunday schools. There were three white regiments and one colored regiment from this city, and three regiments and one colored company from Brooklyn, Newark and Jersey City each sent a company. Most of the boys wore a dark-blue uniform, with white leggings, but a few companies were in dark green

After the assembly all present sang the Doxclogy and a prayer was made by the Rev. J. L. Campbell. Col. Seward of the Ninth Regiment, commanding the First Brigade, National Guard, then reviewed the regiments, he and his staff tive drills were held in company manœuvres for a silver cup, to be held for a year. It was finally won by Company K of the Tenth Brooklyn Regiment from the Baptist Temple, Capt. William Clark commanding. Special mention was made of Company C, First Regiment of New York, under Capt. Kanskie. Drill in the manual of arms followed for a gold and a silver medal. William A. Bowa of Company K, Second Regiment, of Newark, carried off the gold medal, and the silver medal was won by Harry E. Wassen of Company L. Sixth Brooklyn Regiment. The prizes were awarded by the Rev. It. S. MacArthur and Hugh Porter, President and Vice-President of the brigade.

The colored cadets from Brooklyn, with a fife and drum corps, tried to cross the City Hall plaze on their way up to the review. They had gone about fifty feet across when a park policeman swooped down on them and shouted:

"Have you got a permit to parade on this waik!" tive drills were held in company manœuvres for

"Have you got a permit to parade on this walk!"

The commanding officer explained that he had no permit and did not think that one was necessary. The big policeman replied:

"Well, sojers are not allowed to march here unless they have a permit."

"We're not soldiers," explained the commanding officer, a little negro boy who was about 10 years old. "Besides, he continued, "we saw a lot of follows in uniforms marching here a little while ago, and they had their pictures taken on the City Hall steps."

"They were members of a target company," said the policeman, "and they had a special permit to come up here."

"Then I guess if we were target carriers we could come in," remarked the commanding officer of the colored company,"

"You may knock " said the policeman, "but you can't come in, You will all have to hustle back there and march on the sidewalk." And they did.

CYMRIC HERE, AND A BIG ONE.

Largest Cargo Carrier Affoat Proven Wonder The new White Star freight and passenger teamship Cymric, the largest cargo carrier in the world, arrived yesterday on her maiden trip from Liverpool. She met rough weather all the way across, and she was forced to run at about three-quarter speed. Her time was 11 days 2 hours and 49 minutes, and her average hourly speed 11.53 knots. Her commander, Capt. Henry St. George Lindsay, formerly of the Adriatic, ever been aboard. He put a glass filled almost to the brim with water on one of the saloon tables when the ship sailed from Liverpool and not a drop was spilled on the stormy passage. The fifty staterooms of the Cymric, all larger than those of the ordinary passager ship, are on the deck above the saloon, which is the width of the ship, 64 feet, is decrated in white and gold, and can seat all the cabin passagers at one time. The Cymric will carry no second cabin passagers. She has accommodations for about 800 steering passagers and second cabin passengers. She has accommodations for about 800 steerage passengers and may take double that number by utilizing some

msy take double that number by utilizing some of her cargo space.
On her trial trip the Cymric made about seventeen knots. Her engineer, Richard Owens, expects to cover the distance between New York and Liverpool in about eight days, or the same time as the Britannic and Germanic, when the seas are smooth. She has two sets of quadruple expansion engines, combining 6,500 horse power, with a pressure of about 200 pounds to the square inch. She is 600 feet long and 42 feet deep, with a gross tonnage of 12,340 tons and a displacement of 23,000 tons. She is fitted to carry \$30 head of cattle on the upper and middle decks, and a large number of horses, dogs and fowls.

JOHN HALL'S NEW TRUSTEES

Slect James O. Sheldon President in Place of John S. Rennedy. At the last regular meeting of the new Board

of Trustees of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, of which the Rev. Dr. John Hall is Church, of which the Rev. Dr. John Hall is pastor, the following were elected as officers of the board: President, James O. Sheldon, to succeed John S. Kennedy, resigned; Troasurer, John W. Auchincloss, to succeed John Duncan, resigned, and Secretary, Francis Forces, to succeed E. Francis Hyde, resigned.

An adjourned meeting of the board will be held in the trustees' room of the church at 5 o'clock this afternoon. Died Rending a Prayer Book.

Nicholas Martin, a widower, 76 years old, was ound dead in bed at his bome at 2906 Third avenue, on Menday morning. He had died of heart disease. He lay on the bed with a prayer book, which he had been reading, still clasped in his hand.

THE CURRENCY QUESTION. G. P. Putnam's Sons, Publishers.

New York. Cloth, 50c.; Paper, 25c. From Editorial in N. Y. Evening Post, February 15, 1598.

"In New York we find all the potent influences shaping themselves to smooth the pathway of the Sound-Money Democrats back to the accustomed fold. Mr. Perry Belmont has contributed his quota to that end by publishing a small book entitled 'Republican Responsibility for Present Currency Perils.' This brochure contains a great deal of truth. It presents in a forcible manner the fact that our present currency entanglement and all the panics and bond issues that have resulted from it have been due to Republican action in the first place and Republican inaction in the next

"Mr. Belmont follows the line of tactics marked out by Mr. Tilden in the Democratic platform of 1876. He is preparing for the Democrats of New York a common meeting place which they can never find on the platform of 16 to 1. How far he will succeed cannot be predicted now, but it will be well for the Republicans in Washton to deprive him of the arguments he depends upon by doing something at the present session of Congress to reform the currency."-Ade.

LOSER'S PARADISE DREAM

POKER PLAYER WENT TO SLEEP AT A GAME.

When He Aweke, He Says, Mis Blues and Watch Were on the Table, and Re Was said the Loser Had a "Paradise Dream." There was a poker game last Sunday night in room in the rear of a restaurant at 215 Eldridge street. The limit was one dollar with dollar jack pots. As an outcome of the game Magistrate Brann will be called upon to-morrov to decide a controversy where there are many witnesses pro an con.

"I have wrestled with many gambling prob lems," said the Magistrate yesterday when the matter was brought to his attention in the Essex Market Court, "but this is a case where I will have to judge, not on the intricacies of poker, but on the veracity of a winner against that of a loser."

Among the participants in the game in question were Bernard Silverman of 132 Chrystie street and Jacob Richmond of 75 Seventh street. Silverman was a prisoner yesterday on com plaint of Richmond, who accused him of the larceny of two diamond rings and a gold watch valued at \$350. The alleged larceny took place while the participants in the game were sitting around the table.

According to Richmond's statement to Magistrate Brann, after getting enough of the game and cashing in his chips and retiring with the consent of the players, he fell asleep in his chair. On his hand at the time were two diamond rings, and in his pocket was a gold watch. Rich mond said he was tired and exhausted. He had and drinking freely. He did not know how long players were still in the game. He was aston-isled, he said, to see his watch and rings on the table in front of Silverman.
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"Why, you went shy in the game. I lent you cash and chips and you gave them to me as security." Silverman replied.
"But I squared up some time ago and quit," persisted Richmond.
"Yes, but you joined in again and lost all your own money and what I gave you," Silverman sold.
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Richmond lodged a complaint against Silverman with the Eldridge street police, who arrested Silverman on Monday night. When Silverman was searched pawn tickets for the jewelry were found in his possession.

Silverman asserted in the police court that Richmond had lost the jewelry in the game and had given it to him with the authority to pawn. Lawyer Goldsmith, who appeared for Silverman, contended that Richmond was laboring under a hallucination common to poker players and known to many of them as a "Loser's Paradise Dream."

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"I never heard of such a thing in all my experience," said the Magistrate.

The lawyer produced a clipping from a Boston newspaper describing the dream. The article detailed how a certain Boston newspaper man had sat in a game steadily for twelve hours and was finally cleaned out. According to the rules of the game, no one could borrow money around the table and no one could go shy. The newspaper man was forced to quit. The game took place in the old Tremont House in Boston, without the knowledge of the managers. There was a bed in the room. The newspaper man, exhausted and disconsolate, went to sleep on the bed. During that sleep he had some vivid dreams of drawing lucky hands and winning a roll. He apparently awoke from the sleep, jumped from the bed, and, with eyes wide open, sat in the chair he had vacated and called for cards.

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"Oh, it is right here in my pocket," said the newspaper man. The other players knew better, and would not let him play. He insisted, in the firm belief that the money he had won in the dream was in his pocket at the time.
The game almost broke up in a row. Finally a stack of chips was handed the newspaper man, and he was asked to hand over the money. He scarched his pockets and found them empty. He grabbed up his hat and cost and went to his home in South Boston. It was several days before he was convinced that he was not robbed and that he had dreamed the "Locer's Paradise Dream."

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"I will decide the whole matter to-morrow," said Magistrate Brann, after reading the story and listening to the lawyer's explanation. Ball for Silverman was fixed at \$1,000. It was furnished by a saloon keeper.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC-THIS DAY. Sun rises.... 6 42 | Sun sets... 5 47 | Moon sets... 9 18 HIGH WATER—THIS DAY. Bandy Hook. 9 13 | Gov.Isl'd. 0 45 | Hell Gate... 11 88

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Jack Zion, from New York, at Dublin. Bs Exe, from New York for Glasgow, passed Kinse Edwin, from New York, for Hamburg, passed Ss American, from Rotterdam for New York, passed he Isle of Wight.

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SAILED FROM POREIGN PORTS 8s Masailia, from Naples for New York. Ss Boston City, from Swansea for New York. Ss Cuvier, from Santos for New York. Ss Strabo, from Bio Janeiro for New York. Ship Iranian, from Autwerp for New York.

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Majestic, Liverpool, 9 00 A M
Bertin, Antwerp, 10 00 A M
Philadenphia, La Guayra, 11 00 A M
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INCOMING STEAMSHIPS.

TO FORM A NATIONAL ART CLUB. Movement to Bring Together the Artists and Art Lovers of the Country.

A number of persons interested in the art Mairs of the country are about to form an association which shall be national in its scope and bring together from all parts of the country persons who are actively associated with art another. No meeting for the formation of such a society has as yet been held, but a notification signed by many of the best known artists and art lovers in the country was sent out on Monday. The objects of the new association are stated in the informal notification that was yesterday received by a number of New Yorkers to whom it was supposed the formation of such a society would appeal. They are described as follows:

"It will be the object of the National Art Club to furnish a centre or rally-point for the various art societies of the country. It proposes to maintain a clubhouse or clubrooms in New York, with as large a non-resident as a

New York, with as large a non-resident as a resident membership, and a gallery for the exhibition of private collections and of such pictures, sculptures and other objects of pure and applied art as fail to reach the public through the established societies and ordinary channels.

"It is further proposed to arrange for a monthly periodical representative of the artists and art organisations of the country, which shall keep members posted on matters of general interest as well as the art news of America and Europe. Comparatively few art lovers and artists have been consulted so far; their names are on the inclosed sheet. Those who have considered the plan indorse it warmly. It is the general opinion that such an organization is greatly needed now, and will be more necessary as time goes on, furnishing, as it will, the ground for united action in favor and defence of our national art.

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"The National Art Club is to serve as an aid to existing art organizations; in no sense will it to existing art organizations; in no sense will it rival any. It is to be the connecting link between them and the great public. Its gallery will be used for special purposes, such as least exhibitions from the collections of members. It will strive to encourage the fine arts in many directions and in the broadest spirit, especially agitating for beauty and good taste in civic architecture, town parks, public scuipture and painting, and will keep its members informed of what is being done in such matters in the various cities."

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The subscribers to the National Art Club, which it is now thought will be the name of the new organization, include well-known men from this city. Baltimore, St. Louis, Chicago, Philadelphia, Cincinnati and other towns. Philadelphia, Cincinnati and other towns, Among the artists who have signed the call for a meeting are John Is Farge, Daniel C. French, J. Alden Weir, Walter Shirlaw, Appleton Brown, C. Rollinson Lamb, F. Wellington Ruckstull, Fred S. Lamb, John Q. A. Ward, Herbert Adams, Carroll Beckwith, George Wharton Edwards, Karl Bitter, Walter Cook, Russell Sturgis, H. K. Bush-Brown, R. Swain Gifford, Henry Rutgers Marshall, C. C. Height and D. Maitland Armstrong. Armstrong.
Charles de Kay of 413 West Twenty-third street is the Secretary of the pioneers in the

The Metropolitan Club's Annual Reception. The Metropolitan Club's annual reception was the social event of last night. The hours fixed were from 7 until 12 o'clock. A large number of dinner parties preceded the reception, many of them being given in the big dining rooms of the club. Others were in the private dining rooms, and there was a display of choice cut thowers on all the tables. The house committee, comprising George Griswold Haven, H. A. C. Taylor, A. Newbold Morris, George A. Crockor and Joseph Larocque received the guests, Lan-der's orchestra furnished the music.

Mrs. Vanvicck Gets a Separation

BUFFALO, Feb. 22 .- The bitterly contested livorce suit of Mrs. Marie Levan Vanvleck against George H. Vanvleck was decided to-day by Justice Spring, who grants the plaintiff a de-cree of separation with an allowance of \$250 a month. Mrs. Vanvicck is ordered to leave the Vanvicck mansion, on Delaware avenue, upon March 15, the date for the first payment of ali-mony.

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Beresford, Royal Artillery, of Woodhouse, county Waterford, Ireland, and Emilie Eleanora, youngest daughter of Adrian Iselin.

DIED. ANDERSON. -On Tuesday, Feb. 22, Mrs. Jane An-Funeral from the Moravian Church, 30th at. and

Lexington av., Thursday, Feb. 24, at 11 A.M. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. BLANCK.-On Monday, Feb. 21, 1898, William F Blanck, in the 71st year of his age.

Relatives and friends, also members of the Veterans of the Seventh Regiment and the Associated Pioneers of the Territorial days of Califor nia, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services, at his late residence, Clinton place and Grand av., Hackensack, N. J., on Wednesday, Feb. Jersey and New York Railroad. BURR.—At Toms River, N. J., Feb. 21, 1868, Charity Hooper Burr, wife of Joseph Brown Burr.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend the River at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon, Feb. 24, 1898. Interment at Morristown, N. J.

day afternoon, Pob. 21, Edward Buttlinger, aged Funeral 10 A. M. Thursday, Lutheran Cemetery. ENO. -On Monday, Feb. 21, at his residence, 32 5th

av., Amos R. Enc. in the 88th year of his age. The funeral service will be held in the Madison Square Presbyterian Church on Thursday, 24th inst., at 10 A. M. Interment at the convenience of the family. It is requested that no flowers be

PEARSON.-On Peb. 21, 1698, in his 85th year, Albert J. Pearson, Jr. Services at Grace Church, White Plains road, Wakefield, New York city, Thursday, Feb. 24, at 2:80 P. M. Relatives and friends respectfully invited to attend. Interment private. WATKINS.-Feb. 22, at Roseville, N. J., Catharine,

widow of James Y. Watkins. Notice of funeral hereafter.



in and about the unfortunate vessel, pictures of her officers, crew, etc.,

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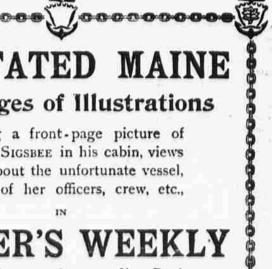
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MOUNT VERNON, Feb. 22.—The masked ball of the Wakefield Athletic Club of the annexed district came to an untimely end at 11:30 o'clock last night and three of its prominent members were lodged in a police cell until this morning. The ball was held in Fairfax Hall in this city. At 11 o'clock Chief of Police Foley with 6 platoon of men went to the hall and found that the club had neglected to secure a permit for & the club had neglected to secure a permit for a masked ball. Finding that liquor was being sold at the bar he asked the barkeeper to produce his license. This the barkeeper did not do and the police arrested John P. Kenlon, Jr., of this city and Joseph Ward and John Sutton, both of Wakefield, the officers of the club, on a charge of violating the excise law. Chief Foley thea ordered the dancers to unmask, which so demoralized the crowd that the ball abruptly ended.

The young men arrested were arraigned this morning and held for examination.



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